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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Inder P. Mehra

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/16/06
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to application dated: 9/29/03. Based on this application, claim 1 is pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim recites "defining a smaller capacity for a data packet". It is not either illustrated nor defined in scope or limits.

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

3. The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is required to furnish a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81. No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing.

Applicant is given a TWO MONTH time period to submit a drawing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.81. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Failure to timely submit a drawing will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application.

The subject matter of this application admits of illustration by a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention. Applicant is required to furnish a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81(c). No new matter may be introduced in the required drawing. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over (**Admitted Prior Art**), hereinafter, APART in view of **Wu** (US Patent No. 6,920,125), hereinafter, Wu.

For claim 1, APART discloses, A method of transmitting data through local area network (LAN) (Refer to APART page 1 lines 7-9), comprising the steps of:

- “the concept of an Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)”, (Refer to page 3 lines 8-12);
- defining a smaller capacity for a data packet head (Refer to APART page 3 lines 5-7 in paragraph 2), in the high-speed wireless LAN standard IEEE 802.11 protocol (Refer to APART page 1 lines 7-9 and lines 17-19),
- to eliminate the concept of an Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) (If TCP/IP is eliminated, see WU’s col. 5 lines 23-25, ARP which is associated with TCP, see APART page 3 lines 8-20, is also eliminated.

APART does not disclose the following limitations, which are disclosed by Wu as follows:

- abandoning a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) in a wireless LAN, (Wu discloses, “eliminate the TCP/IP header on smaller sized, frequent information packet transmission---”, refer to col. 5 lines 23-25);

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It would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to use the capability "abandoning a Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) in a wireless LAN", as taught by Wu. The capability can be implemented by Base station. The motivation for using this capability is to avoid congestion in transmission.

Prior Art of Record

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- **Campbell** (US P.G Pub No. 2005/0273519) discloses providing continuous communication between passive equipment and active equipment.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Inder P. Mehra whose telephone number is 571-272-3170. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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